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Re: Pennsylvania Minimum Sales Age For Cigarettes

Dear David:

I am pleased to be able to enclose three letters written by Todd B. Narvol, Chief Deputy District Attorney for Dauphin County, blind copies of which were received by Ralph Snyder today. The letters were sent to Vickie L. Petrino of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Ms. Sheila Mc Ginnis of the American Lung Association of Pennsylvania, and Dr. Robert G. Little of Community Medical Associates of Harrisburg.

The letters express the Dauphin County District Attorney's position that although the term "minor" in Section 6306 of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code may technically mean a person under the age of 21, the District Attorney will decline to prosecute merchants or their employees for selling cigarettes to customers who are 18, 19, or 20. The letters also note that while the addressees are free to distribute materials to merchants as to the law, as long as they do not themselves violate any laws, they may not circulate anything authored by the District Attorney's Office. Finally, the letters request that if Section 6306 is mentioned in any distributed materials, the District Attorney's prosecutorial position as to this provision also be mentioned.

I hope that you and the Tobacco Institute are as pleased with the enclosed letters as we are. As I told you earlier, it has been a real pleasure to work with you again on this project. I hope that we can continue to collaborate in the future.

Sincerely yours,

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